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SUBJECT: GOM POLICY ON WORKER PARTICIPATION

1. IN WRITTEN REPLY TO PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION, PM MINTOFF OUTLINED GOM POLICY ON WORKERS' PARTICIPATION IN INDUSTRY. HE SAID HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD STRENGTHEN THOSE INDUSTRIES ALREADY CONTROLLED BY GOM AND THAT PROFIT AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THESE INDUSTRIES WOULD BE PASSED ON TO EMPLOYEES WHO WORK IN THEM. THIS POLICY ALREADY BEING IMPLEMENTED IN CASES WHERE NEW STATE- AIDED INDUSTRIES HAVE GONE BANKRUPT, E. G., ST. PAUL'S PRESS AND MELITA KNITWEAR.

2. GOM WILL ALSO DO ITS BEST TO ESTABLISH NEW INDUSTRIES WITH LOANS AVAILABLE FROM ITALY, WEST GERMANY AND U. S. THESE INDUSTRIES WILL BE SET UP UNDER CONTROL OF MALTA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND WITH PARTICIPATION OF WORKERS REPRESENTED BY THEIR UNIONS.

3. MINTOFF ADDED THERE ARE OTHER ECONOMIC SECTORS WHICH EVERY INDEPENDENT COUNTRY KEEPS " UNDER ITS SOLE CONTROL." THESE ARE TELECOMMUNICATONS, BANKING, STORAGE AND DISTRIBUTION.

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TION OF IL, AND BROADCASTNG. E# AID GOM WAS LOSING NO
TIME IN ENTERING THE ECTRS# AND DOING ITS BEST TO BRING
LEAST POSSIBLE HARDSHIP TO ANYONE" WORKERS WHO WILL BE IT
BY THE CHANGE OF CONTROL OF THESE SECTORS WILL BE GIVEN ALL
THE ASSISTANCE POSSIBLE TO REMAIN IN THEIR JOBS."

4. COMMENT: THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF INDICATIONS THROUGH-
OUT THIS MLP ADMINISTRATON THATMINTOFF IS DETERMINED TO
EXERCISE GREATER CONTROL OVER THE SECTORS MENTIONED ABOVE.
WHILE IN PRACTICE HIS APPROACH HAS BEEN PRAGMATIC, IT IS
LACED WITH THE KIND OF RHETORIC WHICH THIS STATEMENT TYPIFIES,
APPARENTLY IN ORDER TO MOLLIFY HIS RECALCITRANT LABOR
SUPPORTERS. GETZ

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